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Special opportunity up close and in the wild

Public Can View Bald Eagles, Other Wildlife At Millerton Lake SRA

FRIANT —Visitors to Millerton Lake State Recreation Area will have the opportunity through the end of February to take a boat ride and see our national bird, the Bald Eagle, and other wildlife up close and in the wild.

The Millerton Lake SRA is currently taking reservations for its annual winter Bald Eagle tours, taking place on Saturday's and Sunday's through the end of February. The cost of the three-hour tour is \$10 per person, which includes entry into the park. The maximum capacity for the tour barge is 25 visitors; walk-ons are welcome if space is available. The entire boat can be reserved for \$250.

Visitors can expect to see Bald Eagles, Golden Eagles, in addition to other wintering birds and raptors at Millerton Lake. Park Rangers and naturalists will give an audiovisual presentation before embarking on the tour. The tour barge that is used is covered, so some protection is offered if it rains. Visitors are advised to dress warmly and be prepared for seasonal weather. Coffee and hot chocolate will be served on the tour.

Children are welcome, although children six years and under must wear their own Coast Guard approved child-size lifejacket. The park has lifejackets available for each person onboard the vessel over six years of age. Visitors should bring binoculars for the best viewing of the Bald Eagles and other wildlife.

Special group tours can be arranged for midweek if the entire boat is reserved. Those tours are subject to the availability of staff to conduct the tour. Arrangements may be made by contacting the Millerton Lake SRA Park Office.

For further tour information, contact the Millerton Lake Park Office at (559) 822-2332. Reservations can be made Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Visitors attending the tours will meet at the historic Millerton Courthouse, built in 1867, at 8 a.m.

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Millerton Lake SRA is located 20 miles northeast of Fresno via Highway 41 and Highway 145.

The lake was created by construction of the Friant Dam across the San Joaquin River in 1944.

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